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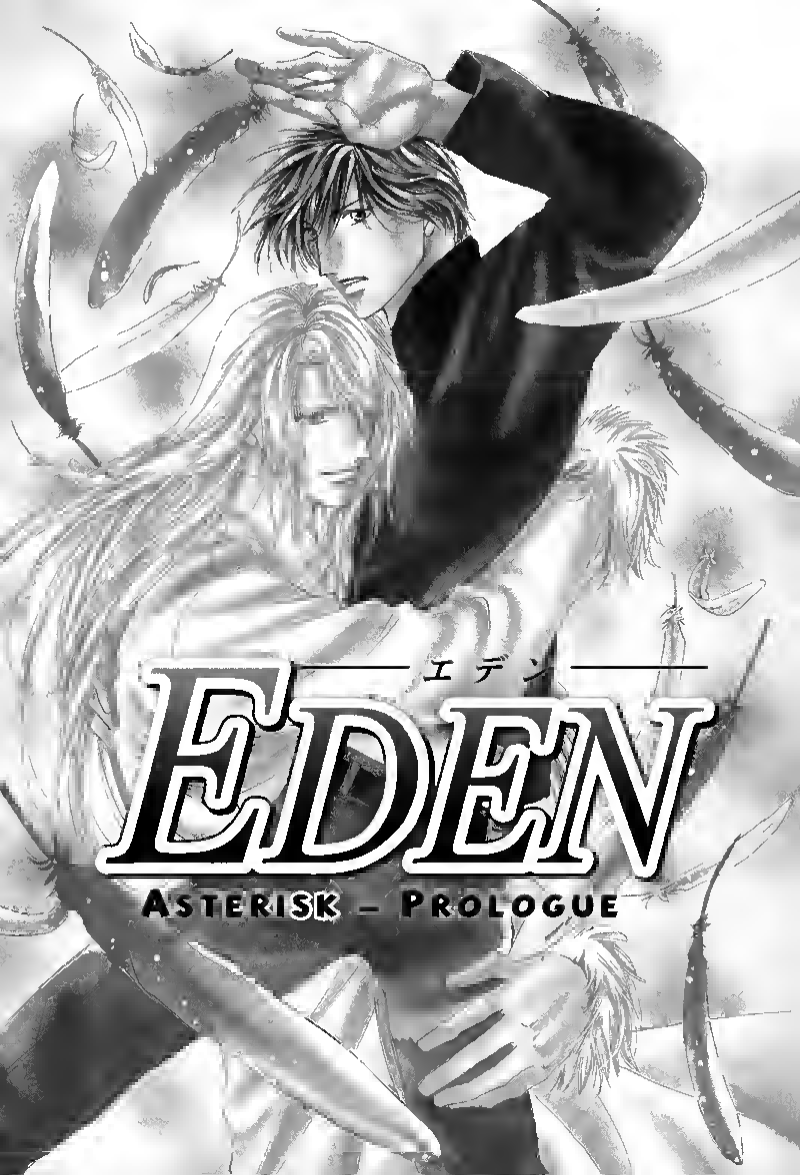
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EDEN
ASTERISK – PROLOGUE

This story is based on a story I drew a long time ago (a story of two nameless characters who released people's feelings that were left inside paintings). As a matter of fact, for Kio's character, I used a character I had drawn some time ago after having dreamt of it.

As for their identities, I thought that using angels could be nice because of their wings and flashiness... and so it was decided.

↑ For such a reason

But the fact was that Kio didn't even get the chance to display his wings in the first story, that was supposed to be a one-shot...

Then I decided to make another angel prince-like, and I began with this story of childhood friends.

I really like stories where one childhood friend, who was unreliable when he was young, grew up to be bigger and stronger than the other!

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Morimoto Shuo

THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO.
THAT CHILD IS NOT YOURS.
YOURS RETURNED TO HEAVEN WITH YOU.
YOU WILL NO LONGER BOTHER THAT CHIL...!

SHE'S BEEN COMPLETELY POSSESSED I KNEW IT, IF I DON'T RELEASE HER FIRST SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING I SAY.
GYAA
THIS WILL HURT, BUT BEAR WITH IT!
Slam

SWOOSH
wait!
slide
LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME.
grr
grab
YOU AGAIN!
whoosh

WHERE—?
MY BAB—
AH
HE'S WAITING FOR YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE.
GO TOWARD THE LIGHT OVER THERE.
IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN GO BY YOURSELF NOW.
51 YEARS—.
YOU'VE SUFFERED A LONG TIME
BE HAPPY IN THE NEXT WORLD
THANK YOU
FLARE

GO BACK TO YOUR MASTER.
SEE, I TOLD YOU NOT TO OVERDO IT
MIND YOUR OWN BUSIN
QUIET!

TIME'S MOVING AGAIN.
Ahh, the new one's out!
I've had that one.
Welcome.
TAKE CARE.
LOOK,

DON'T FOLLOW ME AROUND ANYMORE.
ARE YOU LISTENING? I'M TALKING TO YOU.
THAT'S NICE, HAVING ANIMALS STICK TO YOU LIKE THAT
YOUR ARM WAS HURT, RIGHT? LET ME HEAL IT FOR YOU.
HEY!?
LET GO!
TIME'S NOT STOPPED RIGHT NOW!
NO ONE KNOWS US, DON'T WORRY.
THAT'S RIGHT, AS YOU CAN SEE.
Wah!

WE'RE "ANGELS".
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO COME ACROSS LOVERS WHILE DOING YOUR JOB
OUR MISSION AS ANGELS IS TO PROTECT THE CROSSING OF HUMAN LIVES
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US AMONG HUMANS, BUT
AS FOR THIS GUY
SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
I FREE SOULS.
TO PUT IT SIMPLY=
BUT MY JOB IS NOT SO PLEAS-ANT.

HIS NAME'S FRAW
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP ANY-MORE
BUT WEREN'T WE FRIENDS WHEN WE WERE CHIL-DREN?
BACK THEN, YOU HELPED ME OUT A LOT, SO THIS TIME...
FORGET THAT ALREA-DY.
YEAH, BACK THEN, WE WERE ALLLWAYS HANGING OUT TO-GETHER.
BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE AN OFFICER, YOU'RE MY SUPERIOR!
IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER, YOU GOT QUICKLY PROMOTED.
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE HELPING ME!? NOW THAT OUR POSITIONS ARE REVERSED, ARE YOU TAKING PITY ON ME!?

...I'M ASHAMED TO SAY THAT, BUT IT'S TRUE.
NO, THAT'S NOT
I'M ALWAYS CLUMSY. I GET HURT EASILY, AND I NEVER DO ANYTHING RIGHT.
THE RANKS IN THE ANGEL'S WORLD GO LIKE THIS
ARCHANGELS -> THE SEVEN ANGELS (7 PEOPLE) -> THE OFFICERS (NUMEROUS) -> ANGELS
THE OFFICERS' JOB IS TO CHECK ON THE LESSER ANGELS AND TO HELP THEM
YOUR SKILLS ARE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICER
KIO, YOU ALWAYS CATCH POWERFUL MANIFIS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN..
Slice
THERE'S A FAINT FEELING OF ANOTHER MANIFIS
FR..W ...
YES, THERE'S ONE.
OVER THERE!
Ding

FOLLOW THAT BELL
THE BELL ON HIS PHONE
THAT GUY ON THE BIKE?
Woosh

I don't get him.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
AH! WAIT!
ANYONE CAN DO THAT MUCH!
YOU... YOU'RE SO COOL, KIO!
WHEN PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN... IT MAY HAPPEN THAT THEY LEAVE AN AFTER-IMAGE OF THEIR FEELINGS IN AN ITEM.
USUALLY, THOSE "FEELINGS" WILL LEAVE BY THEMSELVES AND RETURN TO HEAVEN AFTER A WHILE. THAT'S WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE LEAVE IT TO NATURE
TROUBLE IS_
AS LONG AS THOSE FEELINGS STAY, THE SOUL CANNOT BE REINCARNATED AS A HUMAN AND START A NEW LIFE

...THE MANIFIS
THAT'S WHAT WE CALL THESE EVIL SPIRITS.
WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY COME FROM.
BUT THE MANIFIS WILL TAKE POSSESSION OF THOSE FEELINGS TO CHANGE INTO HUMAN SHAPES AND START HARMING PEOPLE.
THEY WILL CAUSE SUFFERING AND ATTACK US. THEY CAN ALSO LEAD TO DEATH.
THEY ARE ENEMIES OF HUMANS AS WELL AS US
THEY USE THE PURE FEELINGS THAT WERE ONCE PART OF A SOUL
THIS IS—
AT THE TIME THE ANGELS STARTED THIS JOB, THEY HAD ALREADY SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE WORLD?
BECAUSE OF THE MANIFIS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CAN'T BE REINCARNATED HAS INCREASED AND THE POPULATION HAS DECREASED.

...A SCHOOL!?
THE BIKE'S HERE, MAYBE HE'S INSIDE.
TO COME TO SCHOOL AT THIS HOUR, IS HE ONE OF THE TEACHERS?
WHERE'S THE FEATHER?
It's dangerous so stay here.
AH, RIGHT NOW ...
...I WANT TO HELP!
Mew
OH WELL, I CAN'T BOTHER MYSELF WITH HIM RIGHT NOW.

HE'S WALKING IN A CORRIDOR
COULD HE BE PATROLLING—?
WE CAN'T JUST GO INSIDE LIKE THAT— LET'S WAIT
I'd better drop the clairvoyance for now or it'll tire me out
Shake
Flap
FWsh

FRAW!
IT'S OKAY, HUMANS CAN'T SEE THE WINGS
IT'S JUST SO EMBARRASSING!
BUT DIDN'T WE USED TO SLEEP LIKE THIS BEFORE?
SUCH BEAUTIFUL FEATHERS
COMPARED TO THESE, MINE ARE
YOU KEEP WATCH AT A DISTANCE SO THAT YOU CAN HELP THEM AT ANY TIME
SINCE YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN THE MANIFIS WILL TAKE HUMAN FORM AND START HARMING PEOPLE,
YOU'RE SO KIND, KIO
EVEN IF THE MANIFIS DOESN'T TAKE HUMAN FORM, YOU TRY TO GET RID OF IT IF POSSIBLE
KIO
FRAW
BEFORE I NOTICED, WE HAD CHANGED SO MUCH, HIM AND I

ONLY FRAW HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO IT?
EVERY-ONE ELSE PLEASE, LET'S START THE NEXT PROB-LEM.
Please go outside.
Good luck. ^
I CAN'T DO THIS PROBLEM VERY WELL EITHER, SO I'LL STAY HERE TOO.
KIO, IF YOU STAY WITH THAT GUY, YOU'LL END UP FAILING TOO
Yeah.!
SO DON'T LOOK SAD
YOU'RE JUST A BIT SLOW, BUT YOU CAN DO IT FINE,
KIO ...?

KIO...
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT HIM
FRAW WILL NEVER CUT CORNERS OR CHEAT.
I did it, I did it!
KIO!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE FAST OR SLOW,
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP ON MOVING FORWARD
KIO,
FROM NOW ON, OUR JOBS WILL KEEP US FROM SEEING EACH OTHER.
AND LET'S BECOME ONE THE SEVEN.
SO LET'S DO OUR BEST,

WE DIDN'T REALLY PROMISE THAT, BUT...
LATER, WHEN WE GOT TO MEET AGAIN, FRAW WAS...
FRAW WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAD CHANGED.
ABOUT THE FACT THAT I FIND ONLY POWERFUL MANIFIS.
IS THAT ...
IS IT RARE?
YES, IT IS MAYBE YOU CAN EASILY TUNE INTO THEIR WAVE-LENGTH
ABOUT OUR TALK EARLIER...
HM?

IS THAT THE ONLY REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE?
EH?
SO WHAT?
KIO?
Are you crying?
WAAH!
WHY AM I SAD SO SUDDENLY
WHAT AM I SAYING?
SAD!?
WHAT'S TO BE SAD ABOUT!?
—KIO?
Twitch

Ah!
EH?
KIO!
WH...AT!?
Huff
Huff
THIS IS
MY... FEATHER ... IS...
IT HURTS!
YOU MAY BE AN ANGEL WITH A RARE TYPE OF FEATHER, BUT...
YOU'RE A WEAKLING, AREN'T YOU?

uwahh.
TIME SUSPEN-SION!
WHAT DID HE DO TO KIO'S FEATHER
OVER THERE!
FWOOSH

LOOKS LIKE THIS "PUPPET FEATHER" IS LINKED TO ITS OWNER
HUMANS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE KIO'S FEATHER...
SO CAN MANIFIS ALSO POSSESS A LIVING HUMAN?
W. IT HERE, KIO, I'LL BRING YOUR FEATHER BACK.
Grip
KIO, DON'T OVERDO ...
I KNOW . I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL, ANYWAY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY FEATHER, JUST DESTROY THAT THING
MORE IMPORTANTLY. THE MANIFIS IS MANIPULATING A LIVING HUMAN, RIGHT?

Really you
I WANT TO STAY WITH YOU, KIO.
I WAS REALLY LONELY WHEN WE WERE APART, SO I AIMED FOR THE TOP TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU AGAIN FREELY LIKE THIS
I CAN FINALLY BE BY YOUR SIDE FROM NOW ON
THAT'S WHY I WILL PROTECT YOU

Thwash
FRA-
WHAT WAS THAT?
SAYING THAT SO BLUNTLY
BUT I..

Cring
Whi
Sh
ng
Chi
THE MANIFIS ...!

(SFX: SLICE)

TO BLOCK THAT MANY IN AN INSTANT ...
SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE A FAIRLY HIGH-RANKED ANGEL.
SO IT MUST BE ANOTHER ANGEL WHO'S SUFFERING NOW
Huff
Fwoosh

THAT'S
!
THAT FEATHER IS GOING TO ROT AWAY SOON

AND ITS OWNER WILL GRADUALLY BE INVADED BY THE POISON AND WILL END UP THE SAME WAY
HAHA
I'LL PURIFY THIS POISON WITHIN MY BODY

SWSH
IT'S NOT A WEAK POISON, YOU KNOW
I SAID I WOULD "PURIFY" IT, DIDN'T I?
HUFF
GOOD! THE POISON DISAPPEARED
BUT IT WAS STRONGER THAN I EXPECTED
MY BODY FEELS NUMB

KIO, MUST BE RELEASED FROM THE PAIN NOW, BUT...
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FOR A WHILE LONGER.
OH— YOU GOT RID OF IT?
BUT YOU MUST FEEL DIZZY, RIGHT?
DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR FAVORITE FOOD IS ANGEL FLESH?
ESPECIALLY THAT OF HIGH RANKED ANGELS—
WHEN WE EAT IT WE BECOME MORE POWERFUL.
YOU WILL BE EATEN BY A LOWLY MANIFIS.

#UP
TWIST
KIO ..!?
THANKS FRAW, YOU CAN REST NOW.

NOT YOU TOO!
IT'S TRUE, THOUGH — HOW CAN YOU MOVE?
FRAW, YOU SEEMED TO BE IN PAIN, SO I COULDN'T STAY BACK THERE
HEY, ANGELS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MOVE IN YOUR CONDITION
I'M AN EXCEPTION.
FWSH
<SFX GRAB>
He's w...?
MOVED

I WON'T HAVE TIME TO USE MY WINGS!
UWAH!
BMP
Ugh!
Ki...
<SFX: SLAM>
I'LL FINISH YOU FIRST!

Slash
MY BODY IS A HUMAN'S, SO YOU CAN'T RISK HURTING ME, RIGHT?
SUFFER MORE!
Grind
Pull
I'LL PULL YOUR WINGS OUT AND SCATTER ALL YOUR FEATHERS AWAY!
Aaah!
Uh!?

THEY WON'T COME OUT
WHAT'S THIS?
Ha ha ha ha
ARE YOU TWO GOING FOR A DOUBLE SUICIDE?
Huff
FIRST STAR.
Swsh

Fwsh
Fwsh
SECOND,
THIRD,
FOURTH
H... HEY?
YOU'VE NEVER HAD COMPANIONS, SO YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF HELPING ONE ANOTHER.
Fwsh
SEVENTH STAR!
Slice
นนนน
aaaa

THERE IS A WAY TO STOP YOU WITHOUT INJURING THE HUMAN'S BODY
Grind
I'LL MAKE YOU LEAVE THAT BODY.
Huff
I'LL RELEASE YOU.

GYAHH
Slam

SLICE
Grab
Grr

officer→
I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK FOR A WHILE AFTER USING THE SEVEN STAR SPIRAL, BUT...
IT'S OVER NOW...
shing...
KIO!!
YEAH...
BUT THAT EVEN LORD FRAW OVERDID IT...
I'M OKAY NOW...
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF KIO UNTIL HE'S RECOVERED
WHAT'S WITH THAT MURDEROUS AURA!?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM.
LAH...?

I UNDERSTAND TRULY, YOU'RE ONLY THAT INDULGENT TO KIO.
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW, DOES HE?
THAT YOU'RE ALREADY ONE OF THE SEVEN.
IF I TOLD HIM, HE WOULD DISTANCE HIMSELF EVEN MORE, SO KEEP QUIET
YES SIR, THEN I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE
ALTHOUGH HE COULD BARELY MOVE
FRAW, YOU SEEMED TO BE IN PAIN SO
HE'S ALWAYS SO NICE TO EVERYONE, EVEN WITH ALL THAT HE WENT THROUGH,
THAT'S KIO

KIO,
HOW DO YOU FEEL?
FRAW, YOU TOO, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE NOW
HM
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO STAY BY HIS SIDE
REALLY, YOU DIDN'T CHANGE SO MUCH
HM?
FRAW

THAT'S RIGHT
YOU ONLY JUST FIGURED THAT OUT?
I CAN FINALLY FEEL HIM CLOSE
RIGHT NOW, BEING HERE WITH HIM IS WONDERFUL
Kio you were so good ♥
That hurts, it hurts!
Hey you! Just because I can't move doesn't mean you can do whatever you want to me!

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●久しぶりの新作です。制作の都合上、短期間で作り上げたキャラにしてはなかなかいい2人です。これからこの2人がどうなっていくのか自分でも楽しみです（どう転ぶかは描いてみないと分からないので）。新しいシリーズのスタートです。よろしくお願いしますね。

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